

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
NORTHERN DIVISION

PATRICK A. WHITE, SR.,	)	
TDCJ #827179,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CASE NO. 2:18-CV-727-MHT
	)	(WO)
TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVES,	)	
et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

**II.**

This 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action is pending before the court on a complaint filed by Patrick A. White, Sr., an inmate in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Allred Unit in Iowa Park, Texas. In the instant complaint, White challenges actions taken by Texas officials with respect to his confinement in that state's prison system.

Upon review of the complaint, the court finds that this case should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406.<sup>1</sup>

## II. DISCUSSION

A 42 U.S.C. § 1983 “action may be brought in – (1) a judicial district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located; (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred . . . ; or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b). The law further provides that when a case is filed “laying venue in the wrong division or district” the court may, “if it be in the interest of justice, transfer such case to any district . . . where it could have been brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) (“For the convenience of parties and witnesses, in the interest of justice, a district court may transfer any civil action to any other district . . . where it might have been brought[.]”).

Iowa Park, Texas is located within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Thus, the actions about which White complains

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<sup>1</sup>Upon initiation of this civil action, White filed an application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Doc. 2. However, under the circumstances of this case, the court concludes that the assessment and collection of any filing fee should be undertaken by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

occurred in the Northern District of Texas. Moreover, the facts set forth in the complaint indicate that the individual defendants reside in the Northern District of Texas. Under these circumstances, the claims asserted by White are beyond the venue of this court. However, it is clear from the face of the complaint that the proper venue for this cause of action is the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

In light of the foregoing, the court concludes that in the interest of justice and for the convenience of the parties, this case should be transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas for review and disposition.<sup>2</sup>

### **III. CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, it is the RECOMMENDATION of the Magistrate Judge that this case be transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

On or before **September 4, 2018**, the plaintiff may file objections to the Recommendation. Any objection must specifically identify the findings in the Recommendation objected to. Frivolous, conclusive or general objections will not be considered by the District Court. The plaintiff is advised that this Recommendation is not a final order of the court and, therefore, it is not appealable.

Failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations in the Magistrate Judge's report shall bar the plaintiff from a *de novo* determination by the District Court of factual findings and legal issues covered in the report and shall "waive the right to challenge on appeal the district court's order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions" except upon grounds of plain error if necessary in the interests of justice. 11TH Cir.

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<sup>2</sup>In transferring this case, the court makes no determination regarding the merits of the complaint.

R. 3-1; *see Resolution Trust Co. v. Hallmark Builders, Inc.*, 996 F.2d 1144, 1149 (11th Cir. 1993); *Henley v. Johnson*, 885 F.2d 790, 794 (11th Cir. 1989).

DONE this 17th day of August, 2018.

/s/Terry F. Moorer  
TERRY F. MOORER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE